GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FENCING ON TRIPURA BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether border fencing on the Indo-Bangladesh border with Tripura has been approved by the Government;

(b) if so, the funds released and physical achievements made till date;

(c) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn by the Government of Tripura to the inadequate security on the Indo-Bangladesh Border with the State;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for strengthening the security and stop movement of terrorists on the Border?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): Government has approved fencing on Indo-Bangladesh Border with Tripura.An amount of Rs.450 lakhs has been released to the Border Roads Organisation for construction of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border in Tripura.There is no physical progress on ground as the amount is being utilized for procurement of stores for the fencing work.

(c) to (d): The Government of Tripura have requested for increased deployment of Central Para Military Forces in the State and on the Indo-Bangladesh Border.

(e): The Government of India have decided to augment the Central Para Military Forces in Tripura in a phased manner over a period of 5 years. Two additional Battalions of Border Security Force have been deployed in Tripura this year to augment the existing force deployed on the Indo-Bangladesh Border. Apart from the increased deployment of Para Military Forces, other steps taken by the Government include reduction of gaps between the Border Outposts, intensification of patrolling along the border, construction of Border Roads, increase in the number of Outpost Towers, provision of surveillance equipment etc.